

Western Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (WRTAC)

July 9th, 2004

Kalispell Regional Hospital

Kalispell, MT

11:30a – 3:30p

Attendance

See attached roster sheet.

The meeting was brought to order by Brad Pickhardt, MD, Chair at 11:45.

Review of minutes

The minutes from the April 9th, 2004 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Committee Reports

Education and Finance

\$5000 was just received from the State. The total remaining is \$8570 after two requests made earlier this summer. Another request for \$500 for a PHTLS course in St. Regis was proposed. The committee approved this request. The balance will then be \$8070.

Grant Process

The grant application will be submitted in the middle of September. Support letter requests were sent to every hospital and transport agency in western Montana for signatures and those sent back will be included in the application.

RECOMMENDATION: John Bleicher will send the template to Kim Todd, Jim Detienne and Thom Danenhower for a support letter from the State.

ATLS

The next ATLS course in Bozeman was cancelled due to unavailability of the new textbooks. The next course is scheduled for November 5 & 6 in Billings and this course is full.

An ATLS Instructor course will be held in Billings on November 20th. If you are interested in participating in the instructor course please contact Kim Todd at (406) 444-4459 or at kitodd@state.mt.us.

ATLS courses for 2005 are currently being planned. As these courses are finalized information will be posted on the EMS and Trauma Section website at <http://emsip.state.mt.us>. On-line registration will be available by spring of 2005.

STN Course

The updated version has not yet been received but is expected soon. The next scheduled course will be Nov. 4th & 5th in Missoula.

TEAM

For more information or to schedule your facility for a visit, contact Kim Todd at 444 – 3895.

For more information on scheduling either a PHTLS or STN course, contact John Bleicher at 329-5603.

Outreach Education

Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium – scheduled on Sept. 9 & 10, 2004 in Great Falls. Mark your calendar for Sept 8 & 9, 2005 in Missoula. The annual Montana Trauma Coordinator / Registrar Conference will be held as a pre-conference to the Trauma Symposium on Sept 7, 2005

Advanced Transport Nurse Course – is a national course that has been held around Montana and has been well received. Kim Todd is interested in providing this course in other regions around Montana. More information will be provided at a later time.

Traumatic Brain Injury Instructor Course – The last instructor course in Montana will be held in Great Falls on October 9th at the Hampton Inn. Call 444-3895 if you are interested in more information about this course.

The Montana Emergency Nurses Association Conference will be held in Three Forks on Oct. 22nd. The registration fee is \$25. Brochures will be coming soon. For more information, contact Kim Todd at 444-3895.

EMS / Medical Director's Report

The most recent information on the new EMT rules is located on the Board of Medical Examiners website at :

http://www.discoveringmontana.com/dli/bsd/license/bsd_boards/med_board/licenses/med/lic_emt.asp

The endorsements for EMT Basic, Intermediate and Paramedic have been drafted and are awaiting approval. The First Responder endorsement is completed. Any EMS service that would like to add endorsement to EMT levels require a medical director and a trained lead instructor. For more information, contact Ken Threet at the Board of Medical Examiners at kthreet@state.mt.us or at 841-2359.

The first Critical Care Paramedic Course was held this summer and 97% of the students passed.

Medical Director Training – A course for medical directors has been developed that will include an interactive video conference. A HRSA Grant may help with setting up remote trainings by video; this will be proposed to the Board of Medical Examiners.

Injury Prevention Subcommittee

Information Poster:

A draft poster was presented for review. The committee approved the layout with several recommendations. Final poster draft will be presented at the next WRTAC meeting.

Behavioral Intervention:

This fall Dr. Dunn will be returning to Missoula to train emergency department staff from SPH and CMC on brief behavioral interventions. In 2005, the training will expand to facilities in Western Montana that are interested.

Horse Study:

The study is completed and results will be tabulated and presented at the next WRTAC meeting.

Trauma Nurses Talk Tough

Derek Starker at Kalispell Regional Hospital has been presenting the TNTT to local schools in the area. The program has received good response from teachers and the kids. For more information, contact Derek at 752-5111.

“Remember When”:

This is a senior fall prevention program that is available from the State. This is a great program that anyone can present to seniors. Montana's death from falls leads the nation by 200%. For more information, contact Thom Danenhower at 444-3895.

Case Review

Education Points:

1. Motor vehicle crashes which occur in-town can still be high speed and can end up with bad outcomes if seatbelts are not worn. Seatbelts save lives and reduce the risk of injuries.
2. When multiple patients arrive to a smaller facility that will need to go to the next higher level of care, consider dispatching a ground ambulance(s) simultaneously with the helicopter.
3. For severe hypothermic patients where cardiac bypass is not an option, best respond to rewarming by chest lavage which warms the patient approximately 8 degrees per hour and peritoneal lavage which warms the patient 6-7 degrees per hour. Perform both of these procedures simultaneously for best rewarming efforts. IV fluids warm the body 1-2 degrees per hour and has very poor results when used alone.

State Report

EMS and Trauma Systems Section

The former EMS and Injury Prevention Section has been reorganized and the name has changed. The section will continue to be responsible for regulation of EMS Service licensing and upcoming trauma center designation but the focus is now aimed much more towards technical assistance. The section also remains responsible for the Montana Poison Control Center, COMFORT ONE, the Unprotected Exposure Program, and manages multiple HRSA and CDC grants. Jim DeTienne is the new section supervisor.

State Trauma Plan

The state trauma plan has been revised and is being circulated in draft form for input prior to finalizing. The trauma system rules are currently undergoing legal review. Once the rules are finalized, the State will begin to designate facilities as trauma centers.

Dr. Tom Esposito will be attending the next State Trauma Care Committee meeting on November 8th to assist us with reviewing the trauma data and helping to develop the regional and state performance improvement plan.

White Crosses Presentation:

This is a power point presentation developed by the EMS and Trauma Systems Section with the most updated information. Montana's injury death rate is 40% higher than the national average. This presentation includes information on leading causes of injury-related death, the impact on our state financially, what a trauma system is and how the system and you can help reduce the burden of injury on our state. This presentation is available at <http://emsip.state.mt.us> for anyone to use.

Trauma Registry

The statewide trauma registry is currently in nine facilities and four more will obtain the software this year. The remaining facilities at this time will utilize a paper data abstraction form and mail them to Pam LaFontaine at the EMS and Trauma Systems Section to be inputted into the state software.

The process for downloading data from those nine facilities to the state system trauma registry and conversion of the previous Cales registry data to the new Collector program is underway.

State Injury Prevention Report

The following bills have promise of being proposed during the 2005 legislative session:

Primary Seatbelt Bill and **Graduated Licensing Bill** by the Attorney Generals Office and **Open Container Bill** and **Child Safety Seat Bill** (to change the law from "secondary" seatbelt to "primary" seatbelt) by the Department of Transportation.

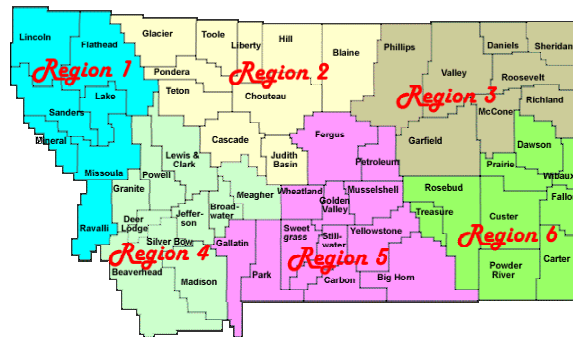
Injury Prevention Intervention Manual and Injury Prevention Plan 2005 will be available soon.

EMS System Task Force

The need to develop a new Montana EMS System has become apparent. Why?

- Assessment of current status - provides direction for the future
- Provides a mechanism to establish optimal standards
- Provides a means of assessing EMS needs
- Establishes priorities based on needs & available resources
- Is part of a continuous performance improvement process

A task force with broad representation has been formed to accomplish this goal. Additionally state EMS regions were identified to assure representation from all areas of the state.



Two task force meetings have been held and future meetings are listed on the website. Surveys will also be conducted and the section will travel to the EMS regions to obtain local input prior to development of the EMS plan. To assist in the development of the EMS plan and to improve communication a list serve is also under development and the address will be join-hhs_ems@lists.sate.mt.us. For more information on the EMS System Task Force or to provide input, contact your EMS region representative (attached) or Jim Detienne at 444-3895.

Area Trauma Plans Updates

Flathead / Lake / Mineral County

Kalispell Regional Medical Center was recognized by the State Trauma and Injury Prevention Services for their outstanding role with the pediatric cold water near drowning that happened earlier this summer. An award was presented to Derek Starker for the staff at KRMC.

Missoula / Ravalli

Community Medical Center will be going through the ACS Consultation visit for Level III verification in October 2004.

Butte / Silverbow

St. James Hospital now has two additional surgeons hired and working since Aug. Dr. Gould is the WRTAC Chair elect and will resume the role of Chair in Jan. 05.

NEW BUSINESS

Future Goals for the WRTAC

The committee members discussed the direction the WRTAC should go in the next year:

1. Continue grant process for regional education
2. Develop QI through the State registry

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

**The next meeting will be held on
Friday, Oct. 8th at St. James Hospital in Butte.**

EMS System Task Force

Member	Representing
Marty Boehm – Kalispell George Humeston / Desiree Bruce - Plains	EMS Region 1
Linda Williams - Fort Benton Justin Grohs - Chouteau	EMS Region 2
Chris Mehl - Plentywood Clay Berger - Glasgow	EMS Region 3
Trudy Dickerson - Dillon Mary Lou Smail - Sheridan	EMS Region 4
Rick Poss - Lewistown Bob Brown - Livingston	EMS Region 5
Carol Raymond - Forsyth Cindy Graff - Broadus	EMS Region 6
Don Whalen - Missoula Mike McGree - Butte	Private Ambulance Service
Wally Broeder - Glendive Branden Stevens - Miles City Thomas Steenberg - Missoula	Fire-based EMS Service
Don Burdon, Rocky Boy	Tribal EMS Service
Rosie Rosalez – Great Falls	Flight Service
Sally Buckles – Boulder	M.E.M.S.A.
Greg Moore, MD - Missoula	Medical Director
Anne Williams, MD - Glasgow	Medical Director
Elaine Schuchard - Glasgow	Trauma Coordinator Emergency Nurses Association
Jeanne Worsech / Ken Threet - Helena	Board of Medical Examiners
James Upchurch, MD - Hardin	Indian Health Service
Jay Pottenger – Fort Benton	M.H.A - Hospital Administrator
Larry Putnam - Malta	M.H.A - Hospital Administrator
Rep. Jeff Pattison - Glasgow	Legislator
John Mootry - Dillon	State Trauma Care Committee
	Consumer / Member at Large

Advisory to the Advisory Committee

Member	Representing
Jim D / Pam S / Pam L / Kim T / Thom D Todd Harwell	EMS & Trauma Systems Bureau Chief
Joe Hansen - Bozeman	Critical Illness and Trauma Foundation
Dayle Perrin - Helena Stu Reynolds, MD – Havre	Hospital Bioterrorism / HRSA
	Board of Nursing
Audry Allums - Helena	National Highway Traffic Safety